

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, and reconsideration and allowance of the captioned application. Claims 1-12 were previously canceled. To comply with the Final Office Action and with the telephone conversation with the Examiner (discussed below), claims 13, 21 and 27 are amended, claims 26, 30 and 31 are canceled without prejudice, and new claims 32-35 are added.

The undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for his courtesy in a telephone conversation on 16 May 2006. The Examiner agreed to reconsider the allowability of claim 26 (now claim 13 as discussed below), and to discuss and permit further amendment after final if he deems that necessary for allowance. He agreed to permit dependent claims from claim 21, which the Office Action said would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. He withdrew the §112 rejection of claim 27.

The Office Action objected to informalities in claim 26. As discussed below, the limitations of claim 26 are incorporated into independent claim 13 from which claim 26 depended. They have been rewritten using the clarifications presented in the Office Action.

The Office Action rejected claim 27 as being indefinite, citing MPEP §2173.05(c). As mentioned above and in conformity with MPEP §2173.05(c), the Examiner has withdrawn that rejection.

The Office Action rejected claims 13-17 as being anticipated by Lim. It rejected claims 13, 14, 16, 20 and 22-31 as being anticipated by Lin. It rejected claims 18 and 19 as being rendered obvious by Lim in view of Torr. Applicants traverse the rejections, and reserve the right to pursue the pre-amendment claims in a continuing application. However, applicants prefer to expedite prosecution of allowed subject matter in the captioned application.

The Office Action stated that claims 21 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 21 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 13 from which it depended. New claims 32-35 have been added as claims depending from amended claim 21. Claim 32 corresponds with claim 15. Claim 33 corresponds with claim 17. Claim 34 corresponds with claim 18. Claim 35 is similar to claim 24.

As mentioned above, the Examiner agreed to reconsider the allowability of claim 26. All limitations of claim 26 have been incorporated into independent claim 13, from which claim 26 had depended, and claim 26 is canceled. Accordingly, claim 27 is amended to depend from claim 13 instead of from claim 26.

In claim 26 (now claim 13), the claimed first and second uppermost portions are on separate arms, but they are both on the same side of the cradle (as is the first trough). The Office Action rejected claim 26 (now claim 13) as being anticipated by

Lin. It also objected to claim 26 (now claim 13) as being indefinite because, it asserted, the projections of any two lines (except parallel lines) on a horizontal plane will intersect between 0° and 180° . However, that is not true if the two projections are on the same straight line in the horizontal plane. Indeed, the single line projection would appear to be exactly what occurs in the Lin reference (assuming *arguendo* that Lin satisfies the other claim limitations). Failure to satisfy this limitation is one reason why Lin cannot anticipate claim 26 (now claim 13).

This limitation is illustrated, for example, in Figure 4 of the captioned application and discussed in paragraph 28, where the angle α is seen to be greater than 0° and less than 180° .

Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 13 (i.e., previously claim 26) and its dependent claims 14-20, 22-25 and 27-29 are allowable.

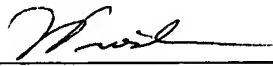
Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and request reconsideration and allowance. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the applicants request

the Examiner to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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